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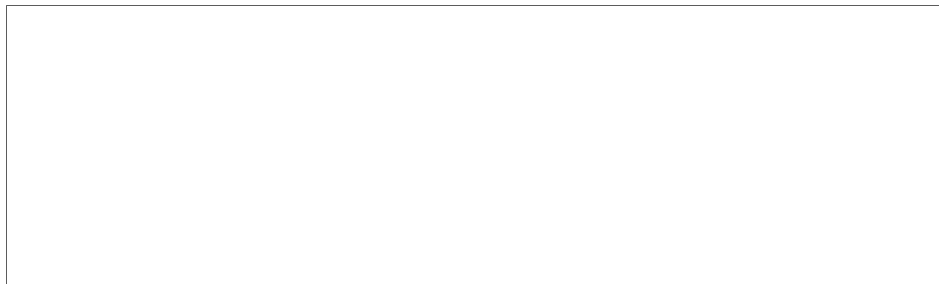
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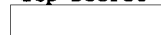
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## ARGENTINA: Opposition to Viola

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Viola faces serious, perhaps even insurmountable, opposition, but his removal probably is not imminent. Discontent with Viola centers on his government's ineffectual efforts to restore stability to the economy. [ ]

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Two large devaluations of the peso and other economic measures have failed to inspire confidence in the private sector, the general public, and most important, the ruling military. There is a growing belief that cabinet ministers are now so preoccupied with economic problems that the government has become immobilized. [ ]

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Viola and the three-man military junta with whom he shares power have denied publicly rumors of a rift, but stories persist that Army Commander Galtieri is spearheading an effort to unseat the President. [ ]

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The Argentine military traditionally has been reluctant to act against legitimate authority--it debated for many months before overthrowing the inept government of President Estella Peron in 1976. Moreover, the ouster of Viola would imply a serious breakdown of military unity, which has been the hallmark of military rule. [ ]

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